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Mr. Bill Hamm  
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Idaho Stone #1-#4  
Project, S/003/023, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hamm:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on April 28, 1994. The application for the proposed Idaho Stone #1-#4 Project, located in the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 21 and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 22, T14N, R17W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah is not complete. Some additional information or clarification is required for the issues listed below.

The variance section of the notice was left blank, however, the notice indicated there is a considerable amount of pre-existing disturbance at the site which you are not responsible for. If this is the case, you may need to request a variance from the topsoil salvage and/or revegetation success requirements for those pre-existing disturbances your operations will be re-impacting. You indicated that you would document the disturbance with either photos or a video. We suggest you take photographs and send us copies to include in our file. We also suggest you indicate the pre-existing disturbances and the areas of your proposed operations on a 7.5 minute topographic map and provide us with a copy. Due to the pre-existing disturbances and involved history of the site, a joint inspection with representatives from you, the Division, and the BLM should be performed.

For your reference, please find enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the



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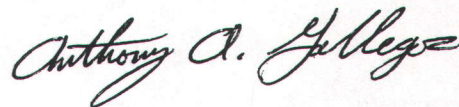
area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. It is a violation of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act to disturb more than five acres of surface area without submitting a Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention and receiving Division approval.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



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Reclamation Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ w/NOI  
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